

AN ACT

relating to online information and resources regarding public institutions of higher education and career schools and colleges.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.9745 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.9745. INTERNET ACCESS TO FACULTY INFORMATION. (a) Each general academic teaching institution, as defined by Section 61.003, shall make available to the public on the institution's Internet website the following information for the institution:

(1) the student/faculty ratio;

(2) the percentage of all full-time equivalent faculty members with teaching responsibility who are tenured or tenure track;

(3) the percentage of semester credit hours taken by students classified as freshmen or sophomores that are taught by tenured and tenure track faculty members;

(4) the number of faculty members in each of the following faculty ranks, including a breakdown for each rank showing the numbers of faculty members by race, ethnicity, and gender:

(A) professor;

(B) associate professor;

(C) assistant professor;

1 (D) instructor;

2 (E) nontenured or nontenure track; and

3 (F) teaching assistant;

4 (5) average faculty salaries by rank;

5 (6) the amount of money appropriated by the
6 legislature per full-time equivalent faculty member and full-time
7 equivalent student;

8 (7) the total revenue the institution spent per
9 full-time equivalent faculty member and full-time equivalent
10 student;

11 (8) the amount of federal and private research
12 expenditures per tenured or tenure track full-time equivalent
13 faculty member;

14 (9) the number and percentage of faculty members
15 holding extramural research grants;

16 (10) the number and names of awards to faculty members
17 from nationally recognized entities, including those identified by
18 The Center for Measuring University Performance; and

19 (11) the number of endowed professorships or chairs.

20 (b) Each institution to which this section applies shall
21 update the information required by Subsection (a) for the preceding
22 academic or fiscal year, as applicable, not later than December 31
23 of each year.

24 (c) The administrator designated under Section 51.974 by an
25 institution to which this section applies is responsible for
26 ensuring implementation of this section. The administrator may
27 assign duties under this section to one or more administrative

1 employees.

2 (d) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board may adopt
3 rules necessary to administer this section, including rules to
4 ensure the consistency of information made available under this
5 section.

6 SECTION 2. Section 51A.002, Education Code, is amended by
7 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (e) to read as
8 follows:

9 (b) The coordinating board shall:

10 (1) request from each institution of higher education
11 to which this chapter applies any information the coordinating
12 board considers necessary for the coordinating board to include
13 information or calculate data required to be included in the
14 institution's resume;

15 (2) establish for each institution of higher education
16 to which this chapter applies a list of representative in-state and
17 out-of-state peer institutions and maintain that list on the
18 coordinating board's Internet website;

19 (3) ensure that each of an institution of higher
20 education's online resumes:

21 (A) is available to the public on the
22 coordinating board's Internet website, in a one-page format if
23 possible, and is accessible through a link that appears [~~in a~~
24 ~~prominent place~~] on the first frame of the coordinating board's
25 Internet website home page in a font that is larger than the font of
26 the majority of the text on the home page;

27 (B) uses enhanced, user-friendly search

1 capabilities to ensure that the information required to be included
2 in the resume is easily accessible to the persons for whom the
3 resume is designed; and

4 (C) includes a clearly identifiable link to
5 information on the coordinating board's Internet website regarding
6 the coordinating board's higher education accountability system;
7 and

8 (4) ensure that the information provided in each
9 resume is accurate and up to date and includes the most recent data
10 available for out-of-state peer institutions.

11 (e) The data relating to student loans, grants, or
12 scholarships included by the coordinating board on an institution's
13 resume under this subchapter must be the same as that published in
14 regard to the institution by the United States Department of
15 Education on its "College Navigator" website, or a successor or
16 related website maintained by the United States Department of
17 Education.

18 SECTION 3. Section 51A.003, Education Code, is amended to
19 read as follows:

20 Sec. 51A.003. DUTIES OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
21 RELATING TO INSTITUTION RESUMES. Each institution of higher
22 education to which this chapter applies shall:

23 (1) submit to the coordinating board any information
24 requested by the coordinating board as necessary for the
25 coordinating board to include information or calculate data
26 required to be included in the institution's resumes; and

27 (2) ensure that the first frame of the institution's

Internet website home page includes, in a font that is larger than the font of the majority of the text on the home page [~~prominent place~~], an accessible link to the institution's online resumes maintained on the coordinating board's Internet website.

SECTION 4. Subchapter A, Chapter 51A, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51A.004 to read as follows:

Sec. 51A.004. LINK TO FEDERAL STUDENT FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION. An institution may satisfy a requirement of this chapter relating to student loan, grant, or scholarship information by linking the online resume of the institution to that information as it appears on the website known as "College Navigator," or a successor or related website, maintained by the National Center for Education Statistics of the U.S. Department of Education.

SECTION 5. Section 51A.052, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(d) The resume must include the following information relating to the institution for the most recent state fiscal year for which the information is available and compare that information to the same information for the state fiscal year preceding the most recent state fiscal year for which the information is available and the state fiscal year preceding the most recent state fiscal year for which the information is available by five years:

(1) under the heading "ENROLLMENT":

(A) [~~"ENROLLMENT,"~~] the total number of students enrolled in the institution during the fall semester that ended in the fiscal year covered by the resume; and

1 (B) the percentage of undergraduate students
2 enrolled in the institution for the first time during the fall
3 semester that ended in the fiscal year covered by the resume who are
4 transfer students;

5 (2) under the heading "COSTS":

6 (A) [~~"COSTS,"~~] the average annual total academic
7 costs for a resident undergraduate student enrolled in 30 semester
8 credit hours:

9 (i) [~~(A)~~] at the institution; and
10 (ii) [~~(B)~~] at the institution's in-state
11 and out-of-state peer institutions;

12 (B) the percentage of undergraduate students
13 receiving student loans:

14 (i) at the institution; and
15 (ii) at the institution's in-state and
16 out-of-state peer institutions;

17 (C) the average annual amount of an undergraduate
18 student's student loans:

19 (i) at the institution; and
20 (ii) at the institution's in-state and
21 out-of-state peer institutions;

22 (D) the percentage of undergraduate students
23 receiving federal or state grants:

24 (i) at the institution; and
25 (ii) at the institution's in-state and
26 out-of-state peer institutions; and

27 (E) the average annual amount of federal and

1 state grants received by an undergraduate student:

2 (i) at the institution; and

3 (ii) at the institution's in-state and
4 out-of-state peer institutions;

5 (3) under the heading "STUDENT SUCCESS":

6 (A) the retention rate of first-time, full-time,
7 degree-seeking entering undergraduate students:

8 (i) enrolled in the institution after one
9 academic year and after two academic years; and

10 (ii) enrolled in the institution's in-state
11 peer institutions after two academic years;

12 (B) the percentage of undergraduate students
13 requiring developmental education who, after six years from
14 entering the institution, graduated from or are still enrolled in:

15 (i) the institution; and

16 (ii) the institution's in-state peer
17 institutions;

18 (C) the four-year, five-year, and six-year
19 graduation rates of full-time bachelor's degree-seeking students:

20 (i) at the institution; and

21 (ii) at the institution's in-state and
22 out-of-state peer institutions; and

23 (D) the average number of fall and spring
24 semesters of enrollment attempted by a student to obtain a
25 bachelor's degree:

26 (i) at the institution; and

27 (ii) at the institution's in-state peer

1 institutions; and

2 (4) under the heading "FUNDING":

3 (A) the total amount of money appropriated by the
4 legislature to the institution, including money appropriated for
5 faculty and staff health coverage and retirement benefits, for that
6 state fiscal year and the corresponding percentage of the
7 institution's operating budget for that state fiscal year that the
8 total amount of money appropriated by the legislature represents;
9 ~~[and]~~

10 (B) the total amount of federal funds from all
11 federal sources, including grants and research funds, received by
12 the institution in that state fiscal year and the corresponding
13 percentage of the institution's operating budget for that state
14 fiscal year that the total amount of federal funds represents;

15 (C) the total academic costs charged to students
16 by the institution in that state fiscal year and the corresponding
17 percentage of the institution's operating budget for that state
18 fiscal year that the total academic costs represent; and

19 (D) the total amount of money from any source
20 available to the institution in that state fiscal year.

21 (e) In addition to the information required by Subsection
22 (d)(2), the resume must include under the heading "COSTS" the
23 average annual amount and percentage by which the total academic
24 costs charged to a resident undergraduate student enrolled in 30
25 semester credit hours have increased in each of the five most recent
26 state fiscal years for which the information is available:

27 (1) at the institution; and

1 (2) at the institution's in-state and out-of-state
2 peer institutions.

3 SECTION 6. Section 51A.053, Education Code, is amended by
4 amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read as
5 follows:

6 (c) Except as otherwise provided by the coordinating board
7 under Subsection (a), the resume must include the following
8 information relating to the most recent state fiscal year for which
9 the information is available:

10 (1) under the heading "ENROLLMENT":

11 (A) the total number of students enrolled in the
12 institution during the fall semester that ended in the fiscal year
13 covered by the resume; ~~and~~

14 (B) the percentage of undergraduate students
15 enrolled in the institution for the first time during the fall
16 semester that ended in the fiscal year covered by the resume who are
17 transfer students; and

18 (C) a clearly identifiable link to the
19 information described by Paragraph (A) disaggregated by student
20 ethnicity;

21 (2) under the heading "DEGREES AWARDED":

22 (A) the number of bachelor's degrees, number of
23 master's degrees, number of doctoral degrees, and number of
24 professional degrees awarded by the institution; and

25 (B) a clearly identifiable link to the
26 information described by Paragraph (A) disaggregated by student
27 ethnicity;

(3) under the heading "COSTS":

(A) the average annual total academic costs for a resident undergraduate student enrolled in 30 semester credit hours at the institution;

(B) clearly identifiable links to information regarding:

(i) the rate or rates of tuition per semester credit hour charged by the institution; and

(ii) any mandatory fees, as defined by the coordinating board, imposed by the institution; ~~and~~

~~[(iii) the amount and percentage by which the institution has increased tuition for a degree program or course level during the state fiscal year covered by the resume;]~~

(C) the average cost of on-campus room and board per student; and

(D) the average cost to a resident undergraduate student enrolled in 30 semester credit hours for total academic costs and on-campus room and board, excluding the cost of books, supplies, transportation, or other expenses;

(4) under the heading "FINANCIAL AID":

(A) the percentage of undergraduate students enrolled in the institution who receive need-based grants or scholarships;

(B) the percentage of undergraduate students enrolled in the institution who receive need-based grants, scholarships, loans, or work-study funds;

(C) the percentage of undergraduate students

1 enrolled in the institution who receive student loans;

2 (D) the average amount of an undergraduate
3 student's need-based grant and scholarship package; ~~and~~

4 (E) ~~(D)~~ the average amount of an undergraduate
5 student's need-based grant, scholarship, loan, and work-study
6 package; and

7 (F) the average amount of an undergraduate
8 student's student loans;

9 (5) under the heading "ADMISSIONS":

10 (A) the middle 50 percent test score range of
11 first-time undergraduate students at the institution whose
12 Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) scores were in the 25th to 75th
13 percentile of students' scores at that institution;

14 (B) the middle 50 percent test score range of
15 first-time undergraduate students at the institution whose
16 American College Test (ACT) scores were in the 25th to 75th
17 percentile of students' scores at that institution; and

18 (C) the percentage of the students who applied
19 for first-time undergraduate admission to the institution who were
20 offered admission to the institution;

21 (6) under the heading "INSTRUCTION":

22 (A) the student/faculty ratio at the
23 institution;

24 (B) the percentage of organized undergraduate
25 classes offered by the institution in which fewer than 20 students
26 are enrolled;

27 (C) the percentage of organized undergraduate

1 classes offered by the institution in which more than 50 students
2 are enrolled; and

3 (D) the percentage of teaching faculty members of
4 the institution who are tenured or tenure-track;

5 (7) under the heading "BACCALAUREATE SUCCESS":

6 (A) four-year, five-year, and six-year
7 graduation rates for full-time bachelor's degree-seeking students
8 at the institution, and links to that information disaggregated by
9 student ethnicity; ~~and~~

10 (B) the average number of fall and spring
11 semesters of enrollment attempted by a student to obtain a
12 bachelor's degree; and

13 (C) the retention rate of first-time, full-time,
14 degree-seeking entering undergraduate students enrolled in the
15 institution after one academic year and after two academic years;

16 (8) under the heading "FIRST-TIME LICENSURE OR
17 CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION PASS RATES," the first-time licensure or
18 certification examination pass rates in the fields of education,
19 law, pharmacy, nursing, and engineering of students enrolled in the
20 institution or who have graduated from the institution; and

21 (9) under the heading "FUNDING":

22 (A) the total amount of money appropriated by the
23 legislature to the institution, including money appropriated for
24 faculty and staff health coverage and retirement benefits, for that
25 state fiscal year and the corresponding percentage of the
26 institution's operating budget for that state fiscal year that the
27 total amount of money appropriated by the legislature represents;

1 (B) the total amount of federal funds from all
2 federal sources, including grants and research funds, received by
3 the institution in that state fiscal year and the corresponding
4 percentage of the institution's operating budget for that state
5 fiscal year that the total amount of federal funds represents;

6 (C) the total academic costs charged to students
7 by the institution in that state fiscal year and the corresponding
8 percentage of the institution's operating budget for that state
9 fiscal year that the total academic costs represent; and

10 (D) the total amount of money from any source
11 available to the institution in that state fiscal year.

12 (d) In addition to the information required by Subsection
13 (c)(3), the resume must include under the heading "COSTS" the
14 average annual amount and percentage by which the total academic
15 costs charged to a resident undergraduate student enrolled in 30
16 semester credit hours have increased in each of the five most recent
17 state fiscal years for which the information is available:

18 (1) at the institution; and

19 (2) at the institution's in-state peer institutions.

20 SECTION 7. Section 51A.102, Education Code, is amended by
21 amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (e) to read as
22 follows:

23 (d) The resume must include the following information
24 relating to the institution for the most recent state fiscal year
25 for which the information is available and compare that information
26 to the same information for the state fiscal year preceding the most
27 recent state fiscal year for which the information is available and

the state fiscal year preceding the most recent state fiscal year for which the information is available by five years:

(1) under the heading "ENROLLMENT":

(A) [~~"ENROLLMENT,"~~] the total number of students enrolled in the institution for course credit during the fall semester that ended in the fiscal year covered by the resume;

(B) the percentage of students enrolled in the institution who are enrolled in one or more developmental education courses; and

(C) the percentage of students enrolled in the institution who are enrolled in one or more dual credit courses;

(2) under the heading "COSTS":

(A) [~~"COSTS,"~~] the average annual total academic costs, which for a junior college must include those costs for an in-district and an out-of-district student, for a student enrolled in 30 semester credit hours toward a two-year degree or certificate:

(i) [~~(A)~~] at the institution; and

(ii) [~~(B)~~] at the institution's in-state peer institutions;

(B) the percentage of students receiving student loans:

(i) at the institution; and

(ii) at the institution's in-state peer institutions;

(C) the average annual amount of student loans received by a student:

1 (i) at the institution; and
2 (ii) at the institution's in-state peer
3 institutions;
4 (D) the percentage of students receiving federal
5 or state grants:
6 (i) at the institution; and
7 (ii) at the institution's in-state peer
8 institutions; and
9 (E) the average annual amount of federal and
10 state grants received by a student:
11 (i) at the institution; and
12 (ii) at the institution's in-state peer
13 institutions;
14 (3) under the heading "STUDENT SUCCESS":
15 (A) the retention rate of first-time, full-time,
16 credential-seeking entering undergraduate students:
17 (i) enrolled in the institution after two
18 academic years; and
19 (ii) enrolled in the institution's in-state
20 peer institutions after two academic years;
21 (B) the percentage of undergraduate students
22 requiring developmental education who, after three years from
23 entering the institution, graduated from or are still enrolled in:
24 (i) the institution; and
25 (ii) the institution's in-state peer
26 institutions;
27 (C) the three-year, four-year, and six-year

1 graduation rates of full-time credential-seeking students:

2 (i) at the institution; and

3 (ii) at the institution's in-state peer
4 institutions;

5 (D) the percentage of students who transferred to
6 a general academic teaching institution or equivalent institution
7 of higher education, as determined using the accountability system
8 definition of a transfer student:

9 (i) from the institution; and

10 (ii) from the institution's in-state peer
11 institutions; and

12 (E) the percentage of graduates from the
13 preceding academic year who, as of the fall semester that ended in
14 the fiscal year covered by the resume, were either employed or
15 enrolled in a general academic teaching institution or equivalent
16 institution of higher education for:

17 (i) the institution; and

18 (ii) the institution's in-state peer
19 institutions; and

20 (4) under the heading "FUNDING":

21 (A) the total amount of money appropriated by the
22 legislature to the institution [~~for that state fiscal year~~],
23 including money appropriated for faculty and staff health coverage
24 and retirement benefits, for that state fiscal year and the
25 corresponding percentage of the institution's operating budget for
26 that state fiscal year that the total amount of money appropriated
27 by the legislature represents;

1 (B) the total amount of money from any source
2 available to the institution in that state fiscal year; ~~and~~

3 (C) the total amount of federal funds from all
4 federal sources, including grants and research funds, received by
5 the institution in that state fiscal year and the corresponding
6 percentage of the institution's operating budget for that state
7 fiscal year that the total amount of federal funds represents;

8 (D) the total academic costs charged to students
9 by the institution in that state fiscal year and the corresponding
10 percentage of the institution's operating budget for that state
11 fiscal year that the total academic costs represent; and

12 (E) the tax rate per \$100 valuation of taxable
13 property imposed by the junior college district, if the institution
14 is a public junior college.

15 (e) In addition to the information required by Subsection
16 (d)(2), the resume must include under the heading "COSTS" the
17 average annual amount and percentage by which the total academic
18 costs charged to a student enrolled in 30 semester credit hours
19 toward a two-year degree or certificate have increased in each of
20 the five most recent state fiscal years for which the information is
21 available:

22 (1) at the institution; and

23 (2) at the institution's in-state peer institutions.

24 SECTION 8. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is
25 amended by adding Section 61.0778 to read as follows:

26 Sec. 61.0778. ONLINE INFORMATION REGARDING CERTAIN CAREER
27 EDUCATIONAL ENTITIES. (a) In this section, "commission" means the

1 Texas Workforce Commission.

2 (b) The board and commission jointly shall develop a
3 comprehensive strategy to improve and coordinate the dissemination
4 of online information regarding the operation and performance of
5 career schools or colleges that the board or commission identifies
6 as doing business in this state. As part of the comprehensive
7 strategy, the board and the commission shall compile, share, and
8 compare existing data and other applicable information under the
9 control of each agency and shall organize that information as
10 nearly as possible according to the categories of information
11 required for the online resumes of lower-division public
12 institutions under Section 51A.103. The websites must present
13 information regarding those institutions, schools, and colleges in
14 a manner that is:

15 (1) to the extent practicable, consistent among the
16 institutions, schools, and colleges; and

17 (2) easily accessible and readily understandable to
18 the public.

19 SECTION 9. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is
20 amended by adding Section 61.09021 to read as follows:

21 Sec. 61.09021. COMPARISON TOOL. (a) The board shall make
22 available to the public on the board's Internet website a search
23 tool that allows a person to compare general academic teaching
24 institutions that meet certain criteria selected by the person,
25 including offering a particular major or program of study.

26 (b) The comparison tool required under this section must:

27 (1) be accessible from the board's Internet website;

1 (2) allow a user to identify general academic teaching
2 institutions according to selection criteria as determined by the
3 board; and

4 (3) be accessible to the public without requiring
5 registration or use of a user name, password, or other user
6 identification.

7 (c) The comparison tool required under this section must
8 generate a comparison chart in a grid format that:

9 (1) lists the general academic teaching institutions
10 that match a user's search criteria; and

11 (2) provides information for each institution listed
12 that the board has determined would aid a prospective student in
13 evaluating the institution.

14 (d) The Internet page displaying the comparison chart must
15 include a link to the Internet website of the Texas Workforce
16 Commission.

17 (e) To the extent practicable, the information provided
18 under Subsection (c) must consist of information that a general
19 academic teaching institution is required to report to the board
20 under another provision of law, including board rule.

21 (f) Each general academic teaching institution shall
22 provide to the board the information to be provided under
23 Subsection (c) not later than October 1, or a date determined by the
24 board, of each year. The board shall update the comparison tool as
25 soon as practicable after receiving information from each
26 institution.

27 SECTION 10. Section 51.9745, Education Code, as added by

1 this Act, applies beginning with the 2012 fall semester.

2 SECTION 11. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
3 and public institutions of higher education shall comply with the
4 changes made by this Act to Chapter 51A, Education Code, as soon as
5 practicable following the effective date of this Act, but not later
6 than February 1, 2012.

7 SECTION 12. Not later than February 1, 2013, the Texas
8 Higher Education Coordinating Board shall create and post on the
9 board's Internet website the comparison tool required by Section
10 61.09021, Education Code, as added by this Act.

11 SECTION 13. This Act takes effect immediately if it
12 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
13 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
14 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
15 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 736 was passed by the House on April 27, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 736 on May 27, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 736 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 24, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor